

Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility Recommended for National Accreditation

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Commissioner J. David Donahue

Indianapolis, Indiana - (May 3, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue announced today that the Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility scored a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The facility scored 94.5 percent on non-mandatory standards.

"This is a significant accomplishment and honor for the facility staff and demonstrates the highest possible commitment to the standards of the correctional profession," said IDOC Commissioner J. David Donahue. "This achievement took a lot of hard work by the staff of the Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility."

"This has been a total team effort to achieve this distinction," said Facility Superintendent Terry Royal. "It is a credit to the hard working, dedicated employees of the facility that this accreditation has been received."

"Offenders appeared enthusiastic even though some of the jobs were hard and dirty. The Facility is in a picturesque location and staff are very supportive of their mission and each other," commented ACA Auditor Chairperson Linda Rochell. "Superintendent Royal and his staff have been creative in providing program opportunities to the offender."

The Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility recently applied for National Re-Accreditation through the American Correctional Association (ACA) and on April 30-May 2, the facility underwent a complete audit of security and programming standards. This is the facility's re-accreditation with the ACA.

The three-year accreditation award will be granted to the Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility at an upcoming ACA Summer conference in Kansas City, Missouri in August 2007.

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